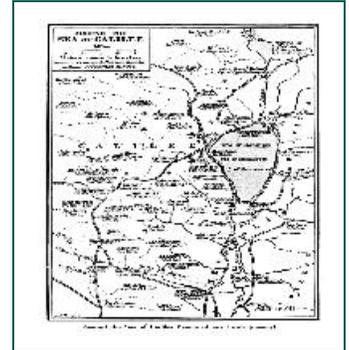


Call of Abram/Abram & Lot

Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18

If you were going on a "road trip" what would you use to help you plan?

Maps and directions help us to find our way, especially in areas that are new to us. In today's story the Lord provides the map and the directions and tells Abram "Go!".



Prayer

God of Abram and my God also in Jesus, thank You for being with me today. Guide me as I study Your wonders. Through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Promises to Abram

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. {2} I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. {3} I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

{4} So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. {5} Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.

{6} Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. {7} Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

{8} And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. {9} So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

{1} Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. {2} Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

{3} And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, {4} to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

{5} Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. {6} Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. {7} And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's



livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

{8} So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. {9} "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

{10} And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. {11} Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. {12} Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of

the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. {13} But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

{14} And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are; northward, southward, eastward, and westward; {15} "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. {16} "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. {17} "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

{18} Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

Outer Aim - God's hand in Abram's life led him to earthly and eternal treasures.

What the Story Tells Us – (T)rue or (F)alse. Choose the correct answer.

1. T or F God told Abram to travel alone to the a land that God would give Abram.
2. T or F Abram was seventy-five years old when God told him to move.
3. T or F God promised Abram great riches and honor in the land of promise.
4. T or F Abram settled in the area between Bethel and Ai.
5. T or F The first thing Abram did was build an altar.
6. T or F The Lord blessed Abram with much wealth because of Abram's faith.
7. T or F A strife between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot was over pasture land for the flocks.
8. T or F Abram put Lot first and offered him the choice of land to settle in.
9. T or F Lot settled in Shechem because the pasture land was very rich there.
10. T or F God scolded Abram for not keeping the best for himself.

Inner Aim - God's hand supports and saves those who put their faith and trust in Him.

What God Tells Us - Unscramble the letters to complete the sentences.

1. The world that we live in is full of _____ (nsi) and _____ (viel).
2. Though we live in this world we should not be _____ (ciwkde).
3. Abram followed the Lord's commands, we _____ (oulshd) too.
4. We must _____ (ustrt) in the Lord's _____ (rmispeos).
5. As God led Abram to Canaan He will lead us to _____ (eveanh).

Passages

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."
Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."

Hymn - Read and sing TLH #429. The writer of this hymn reminds us over and over of things that the Lord showed Abram. It is the Lord who guides us through our earthly pilgrimage. It is the Lord who will protect us along the way. Finally, the Lord will steer us into our heavenly home that He has prepared for us. Think about Abram and his journey as you go along on your journey through life. Then, in the space at the right of the hymn verse, write examples from life that might fit the words of the hymn. Ask your teacher for some examples.

Real Life Examples

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, My God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile,
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, My God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

Prayer

God of Abram and my God in Jesus, I thank You for introducing me today to Abram, one of my wonderful grandfathers whom I will get to know better in our heavenly Canaan. Thank You for leading him onward and forward in his life so that he could stay close to You and learn to depend on You always. Do so for me, too, please, in Jesus' name. Amen.